

REMARKS

The "Amendments to the claims" section of the non-compliant amendment has been corrected as requested by the Examiner, to list all of the claims with the correct status identifier.

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's efforts for conducting a thorough examination, and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney if there are any outstanding items that may be resolved via telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

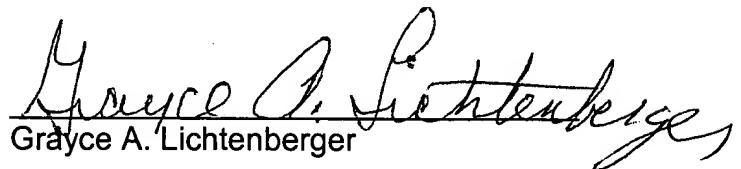


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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above Amendment was furnished by First Class Mail to: Commissioner for Patents, MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 11th day of February, 2004.



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